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REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending, claim 33 is withdrawn. Amendment to and cancellation of the claims does not affect inventorship.

Restriction Requirement

Regarding the Restriction Requirement mailed June 9, 2006, Applicants respectfully elect Group I, claims 1-32, drawn to a variant RANKL protein and a pharmaceutical composition comprising the variant RANKL protein, classified in class 530, subclass 350, without traverse. Applicants will amend the process claim during prosecution to remain consistent with claims 1-32, and will request rejoinder upon allowance.

Species Election

The Examiner states that the Applicants may select five variant modifications of RANKL proteins from claim 1.

The Applicants select modifications at positions 223, 225, 226, 237 and 269. In the event that the Examiner wants specific variants, Applicants select H225R, E226Q, R223Q, Q237K and E269K.

Conclusion

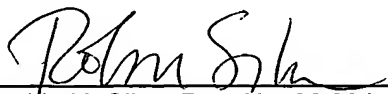
Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. Early favorable communication thereof is respectfully requested. Please direct any calls in connection with this application to the undersigned at (415) 781-1989.

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